

## ST MARGARET'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### TAYPORT

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### Reader      Readings

Sun 5 June	Liz Johnson	Acts 1: 6 – 14; 1 Peter 4: 12 – 14, 5: 6 – 11; (John 17: 1 – 11)
Sun 12 June	Alan Waddell	Acts 2: 1 – 21; 1 Corinthians 12: 3b – 13; (John 7: 37 – 39)
Sun 19 June	Margaret Gray	Genesis 1: 1 – 2: 4a, 2 Corinthians 13: 11 – 13; (Matthew 28: 16 – 20)
Sun 26 June	Paul McGhee	Zechariah 4: 1 – 6a; 10b – 14; Acts 12: 1 – 11; (Matthew 16: 13 – 19)
Sun 3 July	Liz Johnson	Habakkuk 2: 1 – 4; Ephesians 2: 19 – 22; (John 20: 24 – 29)

**Please arrange to swap with someone if unavailable for the allocated date**

### **Prayer for Pentecost**

Unless the eye catch fire  
The God will not be seen.  
Unless the ear catch fire  
The God will not be heard.  
Unless the tongue catch fire  
The God will not be named.  
Unless the heart catch fire  
The God will not be loved.  
Unless the mind catch fire  
The God will not be known.

*William Blake (1757 – 1827), an extract from 'Pentecost'*

## **June Events**

Dear Friends,

An article headline 'jumped' out at me last week – "Have confidence to chat about faith".

In the article the author wrote of a conversation he had overheard recently that had taken place on public transport. The conversation was between two women and the response to the question "why are you a Christian?" was: "Ah, I cannot possibly answer a question like that. You'd have to ask the Vicar". Pressed by her companion, the woman continued: "I like our church service because I feel completely at peace". "Ah, peace! You should come to my Pilates class. It's the most peaceful point of my week." The conversation ended with the Christian lady writing the date of the next class in her diary.

It is funny that what we feel in our hearts and show in our being day by day, we find hard to express in words or perhaps feel a bit uncomfortable speaking about it. Whereas almost without exception most non believers can rattle off at least three reasons why people should not have a religious belief! If we are able to find a way to explain our faith in honest simple terms then we might be able to have that chat with a friend at a Pilates class and they might one day want to continue the conversation in a pew.

With love and prayers, Christine

### ***We have a playwright in our midst!***

John (Hughes) recently responded to a challenge issued from the National Theatre of Scotland to produce five minute pieces of theatre to help celebrate the NTS's first five years. People from all over the world, including John, rose to the challenge from 5pm on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June until 5pm on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June these Five Minute Theatre performances will be broadcast online to the world. John's piece entitled 'Unsettling Statements' will be broadcast from Dundee Rep at 8.30 pm on the Tuesday evening and is open to members of the public. The broadcast can also be accessed at the same time online at: <http://www.nationaltheatrescotland.com>. Congratulations John

Wed 8 June 7.30pm CATT Interfaith talk by Rev Dom Ind in Dickson Hall  
Refreshments will be available from 7.00pm  
Sun 12 June 6.30pm CATT Songs of Praise in King Street United Free Church

Saturday 18 June Strawberry Fayre 2.00pm - 4.00pm in Church Garden  
Hopefully the weather will be kind and we can hold this event outside.  
In addition to our usual stalls we hope to have 'face painting' for the children and unobtrusive live music.  
Janette, Beatrice and Rose would be delighted if you could help with:  
Donations for stalls - books, bric a brac, raffle prizes, scones, strawberries, cream.  
Volunteering to help set up/tidy up/serve coffee and tea/look after a stall.  
Bring your friends.  
Offer suggestions on how to make the afternoon a success.  
Please contact one of them if you can help.

## **June Services Diary**

Every Wednesday	Midday Prayers (15 mins) in Church
Thurs 2 June 7.00pm	Ascension Day Eucharist
Sun 5 June 10.30am	7th Sunday of Easter - Family Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall
Sun 12 June 10.30am	Feast of Pentecost - Family Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall
Sun 19 June 10.30am	Trinity Sunday - Family Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall
Sun 26 June 10.30am	Feast of Apostles Peter and Paul - Family Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall
Sun 3 July 10.30am	Feast of Apostle Thomas - Family Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall

## **June Rotas**

### **Reception**

Sun 5 June	Janette Turvey
Sun 12 June	Christine Barker
Sun 19 June	Alex Cook
Sun 26 June	Margaret Redpath
Sun 3 July	Janette Turvey

### **Offering**

Margaret Redpath
Alex Cook
Janette Turvey
Liz Johnson
Margaret Redpath